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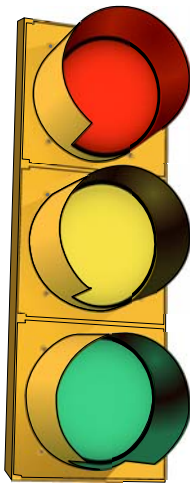
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Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians providing Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan professional component services to SNF patients affected by SNF CB.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Medicare established HCPCS codes, 78459, 78491, 78492, 78608, 78609, 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, and 78816 for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans effective for dates of service on or after January 28, 2005. The physician professional component of these services may be paid separately outside of SNF CB. These codes will be added to editing on October 3, 2005.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Since April 18, 2005, your Medicare carrier may not have paid you correctly for these services, but the carrier will adjust the claims on or after October 3, 2005 if you bring such claim(s) to your carrier's attention.

GO – What You Need to Do

Should you have received a denial for these services after April 18, 2005, for claims with dates of service on after January 28, 2005, through October 2, 2005, contact your carrier to have those claims adjusted.

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Background

The affected HCPCS codes are as follows:

- 78459 Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), metabolic evaluation
- 78491 Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), perfusion, single study at rest or stress
- 78492 Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), perfusion, multiple studies at rest and/or stress
- 78608 Brain imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); metabolic evaluation
- 78609 Brain imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); perfusion evaluation
- 78811 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); limited area (e.g., chest, head/neck)
- 78812 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); skull base to mid thigh
- 78813 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); whole body
- 78814 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET) with concurrently acquired computed tomography (CT) for attenuation correction and anatomical localization; limited area (e.g., chest, head/neck)
- 78815 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET) with concurrently acquired computed tomography (CT) for attenuation correction and anatomical localization; skull base to mid thigh
- 78816 Tumor imaging, positron emission tomography (PET) with concurrently acquired computed tomography (CT) for attenuation correction and anatomical localization; whole body

Implementation Date

This change will be made to Medicare systems on October 3, 2005.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R641CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

For more information on SNF CB, see MLN Matter Special Edition SE0431, Skilled Nursing Consolidated Billing, available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0431.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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